TargU for pulses and oil **seeds** production

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SHRIRAJIVRANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of oilseeds and pulses in the country is less than the requirement;

(b) if so, the assessment of the requirement for the consumption of the said products in the country till date since 1998-99, respectively;

(c) what was the actual production during the said period separately; and

(d) the target of production fixed by Government for each of the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of oilseeds and pulses in the country is not sufficient to meet the demand.

(b) The Planning Commission has fixed the targets for oilseeds and pulses in the country as per the assessment of the requirement. These targets from 1998-99 till date are as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Target for Oilseeds	Target for Pulses
1998-1999	270.00	155.00
1999-2000	270.00	155.00
2000-2001	270.00	150.00
2001-2002	280.00	150.00
2002-2003	270.00	160.00

(c) The actual production of oilseeds and pulses during 1998-99 to 2002-2003 is as under:

(Production in lakh tonnes)

Year	Oilseeds	Pulses
1998-1999	247.48	149.07
1999-2000	207.15	134.18
2000-2001	184.37	110.70
2001-2002	204.60	131.90
2002-2003	153.70	118.10

(d) The target of production fixed by the Planning Commission in respect of oilseeds and pulses is already given in answer to part (b) of the Question.

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